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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by Mr. Fancesc Vendrell, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the Special Mission to Afghanistan

Briefing by Mr. Erick de Mul, United Nations Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

3.30 p.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2000/992 and S/2000/1055)*

Other matters

* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 51st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects [179]

   (a) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/529)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.13)

2. Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/55/L.19) [61]

3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States [21]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/184)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.21)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions and A/C.2/55/L.17 (item 95 (a)), A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99) and A/C.2/55/L.15 (item 95 (a))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 45th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [107]

   Action on revised draft resolutions A/C.3/55/L.11/Rev.1, L.13/Rev.1, L.16/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/55/L.33

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.32

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [114 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.29 and L.30

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 3

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/101 and A/C.5/55/4)

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and 2 and A/C.5/55/5/Add.1 and 2)

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (A/55/103 and A/C.5/55/6)

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee (A/55/104 and A/C.5/55/7)

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (A/55/105 and A/C.5/55/8)

(f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/55/106 and A/C.5/55/9 and Add.1)

(g) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission (A/55/107 and A/C.5/55/10)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

Human resources management [123] (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.2)

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1)

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/55/57 and Add.1 and A/55/514)

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116) (A/54/793 and A/55/499)

Continuation of general discussion

Programme planning [118] (A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19 and A/C.5/55/20)

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159] (A/55/10)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session [158] (A/C.6/55/L.5)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.3 and L.4 submitted under agenda item 163 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information *today*, 3 November 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in room S-1027.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 3 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 3 November 2000

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 100 (Globalization and interdependence))

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (a) (Trade and development)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH-LANGUAGE WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 3 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 32 (United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations), organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran, *today*, 3 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 3 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 6 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	52nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: first report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537) [3]

2. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/55/284 and Corr.1) [14]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.*	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

* Subject to the availability of services.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES OF STATES AND THEIR PROPERTY (ITEM 157)

10 a.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 17th meeting on Monday, 6 November 2000 at 10 a.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 85 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 85, as well as on the other remaining items on the agenda (items 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) and 87 (Questions relating to information)) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will meet on Monday and Tuesday, 6 and 7 November 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 173 (Towards global partnerships))* on Monday, 6 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda items 92 (a) (Trade and development) and 93 (b) (Business and development))* on Monday, 6 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with civil society will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 6 and 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-8497). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hear_panel_list1.htm).

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Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet on Monday, 6 November 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to hear a presentation by Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta on "East Timor: Building a Nation from the Ashes of War". Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests; (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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Workshop

The United Nations University and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing a workshop on "COP6 and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations" as part of their annual Series on Sustainable Development in Practice. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services will hold an informal briefing on the annual report of the Office for the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, for interested delegates, on Wednesday, 8 November 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Workshop

The United Nations University will hold a workshop on "Building Conflict Prevention Capacity: Methods, Experiences, Needs" on Tuesday, 14 November 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the New York office of the United Nations University (tel.: (212) 963-6346).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 9 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 1 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

48th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [50]

(a) *Report of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/55/45)*

(b) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/431)*

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Mozambique, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Ghana, Swaziland, Japan, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, the Sudan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, Namibia and Kenya.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted under this item at a later date.

Admission of new Members to the United Nations: Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: draft resolution (A/55/L.23) [19]

(a) *Application for admission (A/55/528)*

(b) *Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/55/535)*

(c) *Draft resolution A/55/L.23*

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedures and decided to consider draft resolution A/55/L.23.

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.23.

The General Assembly decided to accept the recommendations of the Security Council and adopted by acclamation draft resolution A/55/L.23 (resolution 55/12).

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States (as host country), Mauritania (on behalf of the African States), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Asian States), Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States), South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Special Envoy of the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made a statement.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of the following addition to its programme of work: on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, in the morning, as the fourth item, the General Assembly will take up agenda item 36 (Bethlehem 2000); on Wednesday, 15 November 2000, in the morning, as the first item, agenda item 105 (Crime prevention and criminal justice) for the sole purpose of taking action on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the protocols thereto; on Monday, 20 November 2000, in the morning, as the third item, agenda item 175 (The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

27th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.2/Rev.1 was adopted by 78 votes to 3, with 65 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.4/Rev.1* as follows: (a) The fifteenth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 votes to 3, with 1 abstention; (b) Operative paragraph 16 was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions; and (c) Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.4/Rev.1*, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 146 votes to 3, with 8 abstentions.

28th meeting

The Committee continued its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

Action on draft resolutions

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39/Rev.1 as follows: (a) Operative paragraph 8 was adopted by a recorded vote of 137 votes to 2, with 11 abstentions; and (b) Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.39/Rev.1, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 144 votes to 1, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.49/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.11/Rev.2 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.34 was adopted without a vote.

The representative of Belarus withdrew draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.46/Rev.1.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.43 as follows: (a) The fifth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 134 votes to 2, with 12 abstentions; (b) Operative paragraph 2 was adopted by a recorded vote of 136 votes to 3, with 11 abstentions; (c) Operative paragraph 5 (b) was adopted by a recorded vote of 135 votes to 3, with 12 abstentions; (d) Operative paragraph 7 was adopted by a recorded vote of 132 votes to 0, with 16 abstentions; and (e) Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.43, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 133 votes to 0, with 17 abstentions.

The Committee took action on draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.29/Rev.2 as follows: (a) The sixth preambular paragraph was adopted by a recorded vote of 138 votes to 2, with 5 abstentions; and (b) Draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.29/Rev.2, as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 139 votes to 3, with 7 abstentions.

The Committee thus concluded its third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

Conclusion of the Committee's work

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania (on behalf of African States), South Africa (on behalf of the Members of the United Nations which are members of the Non-Aligned Movement), Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Germany (on behalf of the Western European and other States), France (on behalf of the European Union and the associated States), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of Asian States), Brazil (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of Arab States) and Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN).

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement and declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-fifth session closed.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 205th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration and adoption of the Committee's report to the General Assembly (A/AC.154/2000/CRP.1)

The Chairman made a statement. The Rapporteur introduced the report, which was adopted by the Committee.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Cyprus, Iraq and the United States.

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 2 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

49th plenary meeting

Culture of peace [33]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/377)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/338)

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Belarus, Egypt, India, Bhutan, Colombia, Mongolia, Guatemala, the Philippines, Mozambique, El Salvador, Tunisia, Japan, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Cameroon and Nepal.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution would be submitted under this item at a later date.

50th plenary meeting

Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in all its aspects [179]

(a) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/529)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.13)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/529).

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico, Togo (on behalf of the Organization of African Unity), Thailand, Egypt, Australia, Senegal, India, Brazil, the United Republic of Tanzania, Norway, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Namibia, Mozambique, Nigeria, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and Chile.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Introduction of revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.25/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Belarus introduced the revised draft resolution.

Human rights questions [114]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee continued its general discussion of sub-items 114 (b), (c), (d) and (e) and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Eritrea, Cyprus, Greece, Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Latvia, Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, the Russian Federation and Cyprus, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-items.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement in which she informed the Committee of action to be taken on Friday, 3 November.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Human resources management [123]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Administration of Justice at the United Nations

Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116)

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA) and the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

Other matters

The Chief of the Facilities Management Division, of the Office of Central Support Services, replied to questions raised by the representative of Costa Rica at the 15th meeting, held on 23 October 2000.

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement regarding the asbestos abatement problem and the question of fire safety at Headquarters.

The representative of the Philippines announced that her Government had decided to withdraw the candidature of Ms. Corazon Alma G. De Leon from the list of candidates for the elections to the International Civil Service Commission.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

19th meeting

Programme planning [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25)).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee (A/55/16).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. on Friday, 3 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 118.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of Rio), Mexico, Bahrain, the Netherlands, India, Italy, Hungary, Poland, the Russian Federation, Romania and Japan.

2000 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES 2nd meeting

Election of Officers

Mr. Janez Slapar (Slovenia) was elected as Vice-President of the 2000 Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

Adoption of the report

The Conference adopted its draft report contained in document A/CONF.193/L.1.

Closure of the Conference

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, the Assistant Administrator, United Nations Development Programme and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made concluding statements.

The President of the Pledging Conference declared the 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities closed.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2000

1892nd (closed) meeting

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Peru (CCPR/C/CO/70/PER).

1893rd (closed) meeting

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Argentina (CCPR/C/CO/70/ARG).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2000

1894th (closed) meeting

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Gabon (CCPR/C/CO/70/GAB).

1895th meeting

World Conference against Racism [2 (c)]

The Committee adopted its contribution to the World Conference against Racism.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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